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Nothing of special interest in quarantine or sanitary lines has occurred.

Respectfully,

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The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

[Inclosure.]

Summary of transactions of Service during the month of October, 1901.

PONCE, P. R., *November 1, 1901.*

Total number of vessels inspected during October, 1901	16
Total number of vessels inspected during October, 1900	14
Total number of bills of health issued during October, 1901	17
Total number of bills of health issued during October, 1900	16
Number of passengers inspected during October, 1901 (incoming)	153
Number of passengers inspected during October, 1901 (in transit)	602
Number of crew inspected during October, 1901	719
Number of vessels in quarantine during October, 1901	3
Number of immigrants inspected during October, 1901	34
Rejections	0
Number of pieces of baggage disinfected during October, 1901	62
Number of pieces of baggage inspected and passed during October, 1901	80
Number of sacks of mail disinfected during October, 1901	4

Report from San Juan and subports.

SAN JUAN, P. R., *November 4, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith the following report of the transactions of the service at this and the 6 subports of the island of Porto Rico for the month of October, 1901:

San Juan.—Number of vessels inspected, 18; number of bills of health issued, 27; number of vessels held in quarantine, 5; number of vessels disinfected, none; number of pieces of baggage disinfected, 107; number of sacks of mail disinfected, 6; number of persons detained in quarantine, 5; number of persons vaccinated, 2.

The German steamer *Numidia*, from Dominican ports, arrived on the 5th instant. She brought no passengers or freight for this port, and was held in quarantine while here to take freight for Europe.

On the 6th instant the Spanish steamship *Ramon de Larrinaga* arrived fram Cape Haitien, Port au Prince, Jeremie, Aux Cayeux, Jacmel, Santo Domingo, Sanchez, and Porto Plata. One sack of mail and 2 pieces of baggage were taken to the island and disinfected before delivery. The vessel was held in quarantine to discharge Liverpool freight and to take cargo for Europe.

On the 16th instant the French steamship *Olinde Rodriguez* entered from Saint Marc, Gonaive, Petit Goave, Port au Prince, and Cape Haitien. She brought only 3 passengers for Porto Rico, and as they all gave satisfactory evidence of being immune they were permitted to land, but their baggage—9 pieces—was taken to the island and disinfected. Two sacks of mail were also disinfected from this steamer. The ship was held in quarantine, under guard, while she remained here.

On the 18th instant the Spanish steamship *Ciudad de Cadiz* entered from Havana, Port Limon, Colon, Barranquilla, Puerto Cabello, and La Guayra, via Ponce. The vessel was quarantined while at this port. Her passengers for Porto Rico, 6 in number, being immunes, were

allowed to land. Two pieces of baggage and 1 sack of mail required disinfection.

The provisional flag steamship *Julia*, from Cuban and Dominican ports via Ponce and Mayaguez, arrived on the 20th instant. She had undergone disinfection at Santiago and was granted free pratique. Five nonimmune passengers were detained at the island to complete their five days' observation period. The vessel brought 13 pieces of baggage and 1 sack of mail which required disinfection.

On the 29th instant the provisional flag steamship *Maria Herrera* entered from Cuban and Dominican ports. The steamer had been disinfected as usual at Santiago and was given free pratique. Eighty-three pieces of baggage from Porto Plata and 1 sack of mail were disinfected at the island. All passengers immunes and allowed to land.

I inclose herewith the vital statistics of San Juan.

The following embraces a summary of the transactions of the subports during the month: Mayaguez, vessels inspected, 10; Arecibo, 3; Humacao, 2; Aguadilla, 3; Fajardo, 2; Arroyo, none.

The following is the mortality from the subports for the month: Mayaguez, 101; Arecibo, 91; Humacao, 36; Aguadilla, 22; Fajardo, —; Arroyo, 14.

Respectfully,

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Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,
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Vital statistics of San Juan, P. R., for the month of October, 1901.

Shock, traumatic	1
Anæmia	1
Asystolia	1
Athrepsia	3
Broncho-pneumonia	6
Bronchitis	2
Cancer of mediastinum	1
Cancer of pharinx	1
Cancer of the uterus	1
Cancerous ulcer	1
Cirrhosis of the liver	3
Encephalitis, acute	1
Enteritis	2
Gastro-enteritis	6
Suicide by hanging	1
Meningitis	3
Old age	1
Pernicious malarial fever	2
Puerperal hydræmia	1
Rachitis	1
Rupture of the uterus	1
Senile cachexiæ	1
Pulmonary tuberculosis	11
Typhoid fever	4
Total	56
October, 1900—	
Births	70
Deaths	75
October, 1901—	
Births	72
Deaths	56

SAN JUAN, P. R., *November 4, 1901.*

SIR: I herewith submit report of arrivals of alien steerage passengers at this port during the week ended November 2, 1901: October 27, steamer *Cataluña*, from Barcelona and Teneriffe with 15 immigrants. October 29, steamer *Maria Herrera*, from Havana and Puerta Plata with 1 immigrant.

Respectfully,

FRED V. MARTIN,
Commissioner.

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